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SUBJECT: ESCAP MEETING: AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S BILATERAL TALKS

REF: STATE 48882

1. AS REPORTED EARLIER, INDIAN DELEGATION TO ESCAP MEETING WILL BE LED BY MINISTER OF COMMERCE MOHAN DHARIA. (COMMERCE MINISTED ROUTINELY REPRESENTS INDIA AT COMMISSION MEETINGS AS RESPONSIBILITY FOR GOI PARTICIPTION IN ESCAP AFFAIRS FALLS TO THAT MINISTRY.) WE HAVE INFORMED MINISTRY THAT US DELEGATION WILL CONTACT INDIAN DELEGATION AT MEETING TO TRY TO SET UP TIME FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND DHARIA TO MEET.

2. TOPICS FOR MEETING: WITHIN GOI, COMMERCE MINISTRY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL TRADE ISSUES. DHARIA IS PERSONALLY CONCERNED ABOUT SIGNS OF RISING PROTECTIONISM IN THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. GOI DELEGATIONS TO ALL UNCTAD MEETINGS ON INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY ISSUES, AS WELL AS TO THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND GATT, OPERATE UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM DHARIA'S MINISTRY, BUT WE DO  
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NOT BELIEVE HE HAS BEEN PERSONALLY INVOLVED WITH SPECIFIC ON-GOING NEGOTIATIONS IN THESE FORUMS AS YET. FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF DHARIA'S INTERESTS AND BACKGROUND, CONVERSATION WITH HIM COULD MOST FRUITFULLY FOCUS ON PROSPECTS FOR STRNGTHENING THE TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED TRADE EXPANSION OVER THE MEDIUM TERM.

3. GOI IS ALSO VERY INTERESTED IN EXPANDING ITS TRADE RELATIONS WITH SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES. INsofar AS ESCAP PROVIDES A MECHANISM FOR THIS KIND OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, BILATERAL MEETING COULD COVER ESCAP INSTITUTIONAL ISSUES. IT WOULD PROBABLY BE WORTHWHILE TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO FILL DHARIA IN ON US VIEWS ON BROADER ISSUE OF STRENGTHENING OVERALL UN MECHANISM TO GIVE IT MORE DYNAMIC DEVELOPMENT FOCUS.

4. DHARIA DISCUSSED TRADE ISSUES WITH US SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE STRAUSS AND SECRETARY OF COMMERCE KREPS DURING WASHINGTON VISIT LAST FALL, AND WITH DEPUTY STR WOLFF WHEN WOLFF HELD CONSULTATIONS IN NEW DELHI IN LATE JANUARY. DHARIA ALSO SAT IN ON INDIAN SIDE AT FORMAL BILATERAL TALKS DURING PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT. GOHEEN

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